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FARES NOT IN EVIDENCE

Crafts at Boston To-day—Prices Are Not Improved.

Several vessels were at the Boston fish wharf and two at T wharf this morning with trips of fresh fish. No large vessels were in, the best fares being those of sch. Eva and Mildred and the M. Nunan.

Prices ruled about the same as yesterday, wholesalers quoting \$1.75 to \$2.00 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.00 for large and \$2 to \$2.50 for cod, \$2.50 to \$5 for hake, \$3 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 800 haddock, 10 cod, 12,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Marion, 400 haddock, 1200 cod.
Sch. Buema, 2000 haddock, 9000 cod, 10 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 3800 cod, 10 hake, 9000 cusk.
Sch. Eva (Avinia), 1500 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, 3500 haddock, 10 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 500 haddock, 10 cod, 500 hake, 10,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.50 per cwt.; cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$1.50.

SEALERS NEAR DEATH

Repetition of last year's sealing weather, in which about 175 hunters were killed on the ice floes, was narrowed Sunday when 150 men from the sealer Neptune were rescued from the ice by the sealer Florizel, according to a wireless dispatched from the steamer Monday. The hunters had been caught in a blizzard on Saturday and were adrift all night.

Lunenburgers Getting Haddock.

The Lunenburg fleet encountered a severe storm about 10 days ago, and some five or six of its number were compelled to return to port for repairs. The news they brought from the banks was that fish were plentiful and as all the vessels had good stocks of frozen bait the prospects are that the spring catch will be a fairly good one, and that it will be landed somewhat earlier than usual. About 50% of the catch taken so far has been haddock. Haddock are in short supply locally, and will probably bring good prices.

TRADE FAIR AT FULTON MARKET

Business in the salt water fish market was only fair last week, the supply of stock being scant because of the storms the latter part of last week, which cut off many varieties of fish, particularly from the South.

Had it not been for the storms there probably would have been a few fresh mackerel in the market. The seiner Arthur James of Gloucester, Capt. John Matheson, took 18 fish about 50 miles east-southeast of Cape Henry. In the storm the fish were washed from the deck of the James and lost. It is said that there was quite a big school of mackerel. Capt. Charles Harty, who represents Wilson & Barry during the mackerel season, was in New York on Friday. He will remain for several days, and then go to Cape May.

The market was dead on Saturday on account of a heavy snow storm which lasted during the entire day. Monday and Tuesday there was very little doing owing to the light supply of the most wanted varieties of fish. Wednesday business was slightly better than on the two preceding days and better prices prevailed. Thursday the market was quite active, more so than on any other day of the week. Friday there was very little doing, some of the dealers saying they had not seen such a lack of trade in many years.

Bluefish were very scarce and high in price during the entire week. Large fish sold at 18 to 22 cents, small a shilling to 16 cents, and mediums 15 to 18 cents.

Groundfish—Steak cod brought 8 to 10 cents, market cod, 2 1-2 to 4 cents, haddock 2 to 5 cents, and pollock 4 to 5 cents.

Salt Fish Trade.

Said a leading New York factor, last Tuesday:

"Quiet reigns supreme in the salt fish trade. The demand for Holland herrings is practically nil, but stocks are very small in first hands. The demand for good Scotch herrings continues good in spite of the Jewish holidays which always influence the demand of this commodity, but unfortunately only a very few parcels of good Scotch herrings are obtainable.

Norway herrings continue in good hand to mouth demand. The market is very firm and higher in Norway. Iceland herrings are practically out of the market both here and abroad."

Said a New York authority a few days ago: "The market for salt fish has been quiet, with buying confined to the actual current needs of consumption. An easier feeling is noted in Norway mackerel, prices on which are a little lower, but Irish are fairly steady. Cape Breton bloaters are somewhat lower. Herring is inactive, but stocks are limited and a steady feeling prevails. Codfish is in steady consuming demand and prices are held up to quotations."

—Fishing Gazette.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Cavalier sold to take out in Boston for 7 cents per pound for white and 4 1-2 cents for gray.

TOOK BAITING OF MACKEREL

Several of the Gloucester fleet put in at Portland last week, two arriving Friday, the schooners Harmony and Elmer F. Gray, the former taking 10,000 pounds at the Portland Cold Storage Company. Following the heavy demand for bait during the winter and spring the supplies at the two Central wharf cold storage plants have been drawn on to such an extent that another week will practically clean them out. The same condition prevails at Gloucester and Boothbay, and the fishermen will soon find it difficult to secure frozen bait anywhere along the coast. Fresh bait, however, will be on the market in two or three weeks in sufficient quantity to supply the demand. So strenuous has been the demand of late that over 6000 pounds of large mackerel which had been in one of the freezers since last fall were taken for bait by the Gloucester schooner Titania last week at Portland.

Steam Trawler at Halifax.

The steam trawler General Gordon, Captain Josephsen, arrived Friday at Halifax from the banks with about 80,000 pounds of fresh fish. This is considered a good haul for the length of time the trawler was on the banks. Of this, 30,000 pounds will be discharged at the North Atlantic Fisheries wharf, the balance being taken to the National Fish company at Dartmouth.

Dominion Ice Report.

Point Escuminac, Cape Tormentine—Heavy, close, packed ice inshore.
Cape Traverse—Heavy, open ice.
St. Paul's Island, Scatar, Magdalen Islands, Money Point—Heavy, close, packed, everywhere.
Plat Point—Heavy, close, packed distant.
Cape Ray, Point Tupper—No ice.

Portland Fish Notes.

Two Gloucester bankers came in at Portland Saturday with halibut, the Margaret arriving from a five weeks cruise, she having about 21,000 pounds of halibut in addition to 17,000 pounds of other fish. Rough weather was experienced on the trip and the schooner was minus one of her anchors. The schooner's halibut were purchased by Capt. F. M. Harty at Central wharf, and the vessel proceeded to Gloucester. The other schooner, the Claudia, which has been fishing for six weeks on the Grand Banks, hauled for 8000 pounds of halibut and 22,000 pounds of salt cod.

First Drifters.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Percy Firth and sch. Richard, Capt. William Chapman, sailed today fresh drifting, being the first of the fleet to get away.

First Away For Cape North.

Sch. Stilleto, Capt. Lyman Wyde, sailed today for a fresh and salt trip to Cape North and is the first of the fleet to leave.

GILL NETTERS GET HADDOCK

Two Thirds of 30,000 Pounds Landed Yesterday of That Species.

The only arrival this morning was sch. Aspinet from Boston which brought down 80,000 pounds fresh fish from Boston to spilt. The gill netters had average trips yesterday, the day's receipts being about 30,000 pounds, two-thirds being haddock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Harry and Thelma, Provincetown.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges hand-lining.
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.
Sch. Ramona, Provincetown.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.
Hake, \$1.
Cusk, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white, 5c for gray.

WAVE HAILS FOR MONSTER FARE

Beam Trawler Has 163,000 Pounds Catch, Most of Which Are Haddock.

At Boston this morning another of those record fresh fares tied up at the new pier, steamer Wave hailing for 163,000 pounds, of which 145,000 pounds are haddock.

Sch. Cavalier which went up from here with her halibut fare yesterday, arrived in the afternoon. Some other good fares in today are schs. Ralph Brown, 135,000 pounds; Reading, 87,000 pounds; Elsie, 75,000 pounds; steamer Ripple, 94,000 pounds. At T wharf is sch. Annie Perry with a small trip.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.50 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.75 to \$3 for large, and \$2 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3.50 for hake, \$3 for pollock and nine cents a pound for fresh halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT NEW FISH PIER.

Str. Ripple, 80,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Cavalier, 50,000 halibut.
Str. Wave, 145,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Ralph Brown, 75,000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Reading, 60,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 8000 hake, 800 halibut.
Sch. Elsie, 40,000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 1500 halibut.
Sch. Manomet, 8500 haddock, 3000 hake, 12,000 cusk.
Sch. James and Esther, 18,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 30,000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Waltham, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Advance, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary C., 400 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 4500 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Annie Perry, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock, 100 halibut.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2; hake \$1.50 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3; halibut, 9 cents per lb.

Situation at Magdalens.

Wireless from Magdalen Islands at Halifax reports that there were no seals there last winter and it looks like a late opening of navigation. South to northwest the Islands are blocked with ice. North to southeast clear water and steamers can take that route as same as in the summer.

Herring Reports.

Amherst Harbor, Magdalen Islands, April 10—No change since last report; plenty of ice around Island; no bait.

Queensport, April 10—High as five barrels of herring to a boat today; bait obtainable at Cold Storage.

The West India Market.

The news from the West India markets which use Lunenburg dried fish is not very good this week; consumption has declined and prices have weakened. The Halifax Maritime Merchant says: Several issues ago we said that holdings of Lunenburg fish here did not seem to be more than would be necessary for the requirements of the trade until the new season opened. We find now that we must recall this expectation. Owing to the reduced purchasings of the West India markets referred to there is slightly more stock on hand here than there ought to be. True, it is not very much, but what there is will need to be redried and the process of doing so will involve an expense for labor and shrinkage of about 75 cents per quintal. We asked an exporter if this was likely to affect the price of new fish. He said no; he scarcely thought it would. He thought if the fishermen light salted their catch it could be sold in markets requiring shore cure at present time. There seems to be a great scarcity of the latter article at the present time.

If suitable stock were available there would be a large export trade with Northern Brazil at present. Buyers there are offering record prices, but alas there is nothing suitable to give them. Southern Brazil too, is making inquiries, but with no greater success. From Europe the news comes that Italy is overstocked and that prices are dropping. From Portugal too, the cable reports a falling off in consumption, mainly due to the industrial conditions of the country. Portugal is feeling the effect of the adverse conditions of exchange.

In the pickled fish market there is almost a famine supply of herring and holders are only parting with stock to most favored customers.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 31.—Our last market summary was dated the 17th inst., since when arrivals of fishstuffs were as follows:

At San Juan—Str. Carolina, 137 tcs. and 115 bxs. cod, 20 bbls. mackerel, 408 bxs. salmon, 500 bxs. bloaters; str. Bayamon, 45 tcs. cod, 45 tcs. haddock, 82 tcs. fish, 10 tcs. cusk, 1 tc. pollock, 195 bxs. salmon, 400 bxs. bloaters.

At Ponce—Str. Carolina, 70 tcs. haddock; str. Bayamon, 155 tcs. fish, 450 bxs. salmon.

At Mayaguez—Str. Bayamon, 1 bx. codfish, 2 tcs. pollock, 50 bbls. fish, 142 bxs. salmon.

At Arroyo—Str. Bayamon, 15 bbls. mackerel, 50 bxs. salmon.

At Arecibo—Str. Bayamon, 150 bxs. salmon.

Codfish—Business is very quiet as is usually the case during the Holy Week. Stocks are ample and as the demand has ceased for both large and small cod, a slump in prices has been the natural result. The declined originated at Ponce, where the article has been selling at \$29 and \$29.50. At San Juan and Mayaguez we still quote \$30 per cask, with a tendency downwards.

Pollock and Haddock—Arrivals have been more liberal, but prices have had little change. We quote \$24.50 per drum on usual basis "net ex wharf," but we ought to look for lower values in the near future.—S. Ramirez & Co.

Will Take Squid to St. Pierre.

Sch. Ramona sailed today for Provencetown for a load of squid for St. Pierre.

LOCKEPORT IS LOOKING UP

Lockeport is one of the South Shore ports of Nova Scotia which seems to be making progress in its fishing industry. A company there has been operating a steam trawler on nearby fishing grounds during the winter season and according to report has been making good catches; in fact they have caught so many that they have experienced some difficulty in marketing them fresh. The open winter, favorable for fishing, has largely assisted the fresh fish industry at several points, but the result of this success is a larger accumulation of stock than usual; and some difficulty is being experienced in finding a market for it. One thing that operated against the winter catch was the large stock of fall fish in cold storage. Haddock that were caught then are to some extent still unmarketed. The fresh fish trade of the provinces is no easy business for those who are in it. The market is largely in Montreal and thereabout and what with such things as we have mentioned, and the competition of Boston, which is only a night's run from Montreal, they have worries that far surpass even those of the salt fish trades. However there are occasional compensation, and this we must say that the men who are in it are among the most cheerful as well as among the most enterprising of our acquaintance.—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

SEAL HUNTERS RISE IN MUTINY

Mutiny, which developed among the crews of Newfoundland vessels of the sealing fleet as a result of their failing to catch any seals, forced the steamer Terra Nova to put into Port-aux-Basques yesterday. She had aboard 100 men who had refused to continue the voyage in the face of failure of the fisheries. The men remained aboard the ship, however, refusing to leave until provided with means of conveyance to their homes. Should they maintain this attitude, the government will be asked to undertake the duty.

Other vessels of the fleet which had been operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence report similar outbreaks among the crews. It was reported that the steamer Viking, in which there has been open dissension for several days, probably would be forced to suspend the fisheries and put in at Port-aux-Basques within a day or two. Capt. D. Martin of the Erik reported by wireless telegraphy to his agent at St. John's yesterday that a number of the Erik's crew of 189 men also had refused further duty.

SCH. MONITOR DRAGS ASH

During the heavy wind this noon, sch. Monitor, at anchor on cable in the harbor, dragged up on the rocks off the copper factory.

The two men on board were out of the mishap, which was first reported by Capt. Charles O'Brien of the tom House boat Dreamer, who warning whistles and failing to anybody, notified the towboat for assistance.

The crew of the Monitor put a dory and the tug Nellie also with the assistance of the stranded and she was quickly floated with damage and again anchored with plenty of "scope."

Canned Lobster Unsettled

The canned lobster market is in a very unsettled state, according to the Halifax Maritime Merchant.

There appear to be more fluctuations than usual in the prices from European markets. A difference of more upwards or downwards is in some of the various weekly don advices received by shipper market is extremely sensitive; porters say that while a good deal was experienced at the lowest an advance of a half-penny stops business quite abruptly. is a tone of uncertainty in the quotations, especially for future few of them care to name figures will apply to an entire season's movements.

Lunenburg at Halifax.

The Lunenburg fishing sch. inal arrived at Halifax Sunday noon from the banks. She has fishing for about three weeks, being to the unfavorable weather, ed only 350 quintals.

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Dominion Ice Reports.

As telegraphed by the Supt. (Service to the Board of Trade) 12:

Point Escuminac—Heavy, packed inshore.
Scatarie, St. Paul's Island—Magdalen Islands, Money Heavy, close packed everywhere.
Flat Point—Heavy, close distant.
Cape Ray, Point Tupper—N Cape Traverse—Heavy, open.

Loaded with Codfish.

The sch. Wm. Matheson, bound to T. M. Nicholson of St. John's, loaded salt bulk cod Maine, loaded salt bulk cod Channel, and sailed for her home the latter part of the week.—Star, March 31.

Barry Gone Home.

Capt. James Barry was Woods Island last week. He recently returned from Gl where he had been on business with the Gorton-Perry company.—Western Star.